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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 2042

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TAGS: PGOV, BQG, AKB
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS

REF: (A) USBERLIN 1387, (B) BONN 7176

UK MISSION IN BERLIN HAS ADVISED US OF FOLLOWING
EXCHANGE BETWEEN JUDD, BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE AND SOVIET CHARGE IN LONDON SEMENOV:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. JUDD, BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEMENOV'S CALL ABOUT
THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR ON 29 JULY TO EXPRESS HIS
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THERE SHOULD STILL HAVE BEEN NO
FORMAL SOVIET RESPONSE TO HIS REPRESENTATIONS OF 29 APRIL
ABOUT THE IMPRISONMENT OF HESS. THIS WAS AN ISSUE
OF SUBSTANCE, AND ONE OF CONCERN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.
IT AROUSED DEEP FEELING IN THE UK. MINISTERIAL
REPRESENTATIONS ON SUCH A MATTER DESERVED THE
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COURTESY OF A CONSIDERED REPLY. THE INFORMAL INDICA-
TIONS OF THE SOVIET REACTION WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVED
IN LONDON AND MOSCOW COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE.

SEMENOV APOLOGIZED FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDING
WHICH MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT
REGARD THE REPLY GIVEN BY LUNKOV ON 29 APRIL AND

SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY SUSLOV IN MOSCOW ON 13
MAY AS DEFINITIVE, AND HE HOPED
THAT MR. JUDD WOULD NOW BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
IT AS SUCH. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT COULD NOT RE-
CONSIDER HESS' CASE. HE HAD NOT REPENTED AND DID
NOT DESERVE CLEMENCY. THE SOVIET UNION WAS
RESOLUTE IN ITS OPPOSITION TO FASCISM. PUBLIC
OPINION IN THE USSR WOULD NOT BE READY TO ACCEPT
HESS' RELEASE. MR. JUDD SAID THAT THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT ABHORRED FASCISM, AND APPRECIATED THE
MAGNITUDE OF THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE SOVIET
UNION DURING THE WAR AND THE RESULTING DEPTH OF
FEELING THERE IS ON THIS SUBJECT. BUT THOSE
WHO OPPOSED FASCISM HAD A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY
TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE VALUES THEY REPRESENTED
WERE BETTER. HESS HAD SERVED A LONG TERM OF
IMPRISONMENT AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LIVE HIS
LAST YEARS IN FREEDOM. END TEXT. GEORGE

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